

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 682
By Godsey

A RESOLUTION to designate a certain bridge spanning the
Holston River in Sullivan County as the "Reed H.
Thomas Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to
name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary citizens who, during their
lifetimes, contributed immeasurably to the growth and prosperity of their respective
communities; and

WHEREAS, the late Reed H. Thomas is most assuredly one such distinguished public
servant worthy of this special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Reed H. Thomas was a beacon of progressive thinking, positive action and
irreproachable integrity in Bluff City, and he was widely respected and admired among his peers
and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, he astutely served his community and his fellow citizens with diligence and
dedication in several public offices, and he gave generously of his time and talents to numerous
civic and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, throughout all his endeavors, Mr. Thomas excelled by utilizing the common
touch, as he worked well with people from all types of backgrounds and circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas also possessed the rare ability to motivate others to reach
their full potential, which is perhaps the most valuable of all interpersonal skills; and

WHEREAS, the purposeful life of Reed H. Thomas truly represents the finest traditions
of the Volunteer State, in which long hard hours of public service are performed, not for public

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acclaim or personal profit, but rather for the satisfaction of a job well done and the knowledge that one has made this state an even better place to live; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, SENATE CONCURRING, That in honor of a distinguished gentleman who was renowned for his stalwart commitment and dedication to perpetuating the common good, the new bridge that spans the Holston River on State Route 390 near Bluff City in Sullivan County is hereby designated the "Reed H. Thomas Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Reed H. Thomas Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.